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A Summary of the Exhibit.

HOME FURNISHING CLUBS.

A scenic booth exhibit showing the importance of selecting the kind of clothes and boudoir furniture to suit the daughter's type and tastes; and how a garage was changed into a cosy home for two.

Specifications.

Floor space-----13'3" front, 8'
Wall space-----None. (2" deep.
Shipping weight-----875 lbs.
Electrical requirements-----None.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' 4-H CLUB PROJECTS

HOME FURNISHING CLUBS

HOW IT LOOKS.

The outstanding feature of the exhibit is the showing of three small cutout figures of girls each dressed in real correctly made clothes, which represent styles of clothes suitable for the athletic girl, the socially inclined girl, and the homey girl who likes old-fashioned things.

Each of the three girls is seen standing in the foreground of a reproduction of her bedroom which she has furnished to suit her individual taste. The plan and arrangement of the furniture of each room is shown on a placard attached to the bottom of each section.

The large placard standing at the front of the booth is the club feature of the exhibit and the text explains in detail, illustrated by simple drawings, how a bride, formerly a club girl, made over a garage into a cheerful and comfortable home. The booth is 13' 3" across the front, 8' 2" deep and 7' 11" high.

WHAT IT TELLS

Home-furnishing or "Own Your Own Room" clubs, as they are more commonly known in some sections, contribute to the comfort and beauty of the home, and create a fuller appreciation of farm life among rural people by making country life more attractive and comfortable.

Girls, especially of high school age, are interested in having rooms of their own which they may furnish as they like, where they may arrange their

possessions, and to which they may invite their friends. During the past few years, girls all over the country have awakened to the possibilities of providing such conditions through their own efforts. In some States, club girls who have improved their own rooms to their satisfaction, are now, in cooperation with their mothers, improving the living room and kitchen of the farm home, with the materials at hand, at a small cost.

The club demonstrations conducted by farm girls include the arrangement and selection of furniture, the selection of wall and floor coverings, the refinishing of walls and floors, the renovation of furniture, as well as the purchase of materials and the making of household furnishings.

Home-furnishing clubs teach true beauty with harmonious surroundings, the selection of each piece of furniture with careful thought for its value and its relation to other pieces, and the choosing and hanging of pictures.

Many girls realizing the possibilities of their rooms, take delight in actually doing all of the work in improving them. They have tackled the job of painting the walls or papering them, repairing and refinishing floors and woodwork, and renovating furniture. In home-furnishing club work, girls learn that their rooms should fit their needs. The athletic girl, the quiet homey girl and the vivacious type, with their choice of practical, oldfashioned and fluffy ruffly furnishings reflecting their different personalities, make a very attractive exhibit, which not only increases the member's powers of observation but makes them quick to detect errors in their own work.

In 1924 there were 1082 house-furnishing clubs conducted by extension workers cooperatively employed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and State agricultural colleges; 320 boys and 26,006 girls enrolled.

Where to Get Information.

Information on the activities of Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club Work may be obtained free of charge from the following sources:-

1. County Extension Agents.
 2. State Agricultural Extension Service at the State College of Agriculture.
 3. U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.
 4. State and Federal Reports on Farm Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club Work.
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